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August 16, 2021

**BY ECF**

Honorable Andrew L. Carter, Jr.  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse  
40 Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

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**Re: United States v. Valeria Ruth HaCohen et al., S1 20 Cr. 648 (ALC)**

Dear Judge Carter:

The Government respectfully submits this letter to request that the Court fix August 25, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. for the arraignment and initial pre-trial conference in the above-captioned matter, in which a grand jury sitting in this District recently returned a superseding indictment. If the Court grants the Government's request, the Government further requests that time be excluded in the interests of justice under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), from August 10, 2021, until August 25, 2021 (or any date set for the conference) in order to allow the Government to begin provisioning discovery, for the parties to continue to discuss potential pretrial dispositions in this case, to for defense counsel to begin to consider the need for any potential pretrial motions. The defendant, through counsel, has consented to the exclusion of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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The application is **GRANTED**. Telephone arraignment set for 8/25/21 at 11 a.m. The parties should contact the Court at 1-888-363-4749 on the date and time specified above and once prompted, should dial access code 3768660.

Time excluded.

So Ordered.

Andrew L. Carter 8/18/21